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For: RECOMBINATION SYSTEMS AND
METHODS FOR ELIMINATING NUCLEIC
ACID SEQUENCES FROM GENOME OF
EUKARYOTIC ORGANISMS

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Applicants respond to the Final Office Action dated March 22, 2007. A Request for Continued Examination and a petition for an extension of time with the required fees are attached. Reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.